

**Commi027ttee: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs**

**Legislation: SB0273/HB 0275 Senator Elfreth/Delegate Love**

**Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements (George 'Walter' Taylor Act)**

**Organizatiion: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing: February 2, 2022 and February 9, House**

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members:

**PFAS chemicals are 'forever chemicals'**. They never break down. They are used in firefighting foam, food packaging, rugs and carpets. They are polluting our drinking water and are accumulating in our bodies. They have been linked to cancer and other serious illnesses. This bill, if passed, would prevent the mass incineration or landfilling of PFAS chemicals. It would also prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of products containing PFAS chemicals, such as rugs and carpets, food packaging and firefighting foam.

Please vote favorably on SB0273. Our lives depend on it.

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